

## Newsletter to report on FoI developments

Beginning June 16, a Washington organization every two weeks will publish an eight to twelve page newsletter designed to keep the reader up to date on freedom of information and privacy information and developments. It will be called "Access Reports", issued by Plus Publications, Inc., of which Ray Henry is publisher.

In addition, subscribers can order the "Access Reports Reference File", a loose-leaf reference work of Manhattan telephone book size, that will periodically be kept up to date on FoI and Privacy matters of record, including pertinent and significant law texts, regulations and judicial decisions. Case histories will be included as well as reference matter on the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Federal Privacy Act, and other statutes providing access to or confidentiality of records.

The content will include far more information than has been even proposed by the freedom of information guide projected by the AP Managing Editors Association and delayed by the slowness of many government agencies in drawing up their regulations under the amendments to the Freedom of Information Act amendments passed by Congress in November.

"The Access Reports Reference File contains all the addresses to be used to request government information," editor Diana Schappi told E&P, "as well as the fees charged, and full details on the 10 days in which an agency is compelled to answer information requests, and details on the appeals machinery that may be used, if an information request is denied."

Mrs. Schappi also went into detail regarding the newsletter. "Specifically, in 4,000 to 5,000 words, it will provide bi-weekly coverage of federal and state legislative actions, pending legal cases and judicial decisions, regulation changes, proposed guidelines and newly established procedures. With the new Privacy Act going into effect this fall, with possible conflicts with the FoI act, the newsletter will report on those developments, also on the proposed federal open meetings law."

The price of the newsletter and reference file is \$197 a year; newsletter only, \$97; reference file only, \$140.